

**Section I:**  
**AMENDMENT to the CLAIMS**

1 - 12 (cancelled)

13. (currently amended) A sealed bid sales offering system comprising:  
a bid database in a network computer arrangement containing collected bids, [[said]] the collected bids each having an associated seal status indication field for indicating whether each bid is a sealed bid or is an unsealed bid;  
a database query server querying [[said]] the bid database for unsealed bids which match parameters of a Broker Profile Matrix associated with a trader console, [[said]] the trader console comprising an intermediary third party user console communicably disposed between a bidder user console and broker user console, [[said]] the trader console operating to buy products or services from [[said]] the broker user console, and operating to resell [[said]] the bought products and services to [[said]] the bidder user console;  
a bid transferor responsive to finding matching unsealed bids for [[said]] the trader console delivering [[said]] the matching unsealed bids to [[said]] the trader console, and preventing delivery of sealed bids to [[said]] the trader console; and  
a display on [[said]] the trader console of [[said]] the delivered matching unsealed bids to a trader console user.

14. (cancelled)

15. (currently amended) The sealed bid sales offering system as set forth in Claim 13 wherein [[said]] the database query server comprises an Internet server.

16. (currently amended) The sealed bid sales offering system as set forth in Claim 13 wherein [[said]] the database query server comprises a Hyper Text Transfer Protocol (HTTP) server.

17. (currently amended) The sealed bid sales offering system as set forth in Claim 13 wherein

[[said]] the trader console comprises a web browser.

18. (currently amended) The system as set forth in Claim 13 wherein [[said]] the database query server retrieves unsealed bids from [[said]] the bid database which meet criteria including a trader's location code.

19. (currently amended) The system as set forth in Claim 13 wherein [[said]] the database query server retrieves unsealed bids from [[said]] the bid database which meet criteria including a match with a trader's goods category code.

20. (currently amended) The system as set forth in Claim 13 further comprising a restricted access administrator console communicative with [[said]] the bid database converting sealed bids to unsealed bids.

21. (currently amended) The system as set forth in Claim 13 further comprising a system clock or timer determining which seals of sealed bids have expired as a criteria for retrieving unsealed bids.

22. (currently amended) A sealed bid sales offering method comprising:  
providing collected bids in a bid database in a network computer arrangement, [[said]] the  
collected bids each having an associated seal status indication field for indicating  
whether each bid is a sealed bid or is an unsealed bid;  
querying by a database query server [[said]] the bid database for unsealed bids which match  
parameters of a Broker Profile Matrix associated with a trader console, [[said]] the trader  
console comprising an intermediary third party user console communicably disposed  
between a bidder user console and broker user console;  
operating by [[said]] the trader console to buy products or services from [[said]] the broker user  
console;  
operating by [[said]] the trader to resell [[said]] the bought products and services to [[said]] the  
bidder user console;  
responsive to finding matching unsealed bids for [[said]] the trader console, delivering by a bid  
transferor [[said]] the matching unsealed bids to [[said]] the trader console wherein  
delivery of delivery of sealed bids to [[said]] the trader console is prevented; and  
displaying on [[said]] the trader console [[said]] the delivered matching unsealed bids to a trader  
console user.

23. (currently amended) The method as set forth in Claim 22 wherein [[said]] the querying  
comprises a Hyper Text Transfer Protocol (HTTP) query.

24. (currently amended) The method as set forth in Claim 22 further comprising providing a web  
browser trader console.

25. (currently amended) The method as set forth in Claim 22 wherein [[said]] the querying  
comprises retrieving unsealed bids from [[said]] the bid database which meet criteria including a  
trader's location code.

26. (currently amended) The method as set forth in Claim 22 wherein [[said]] the querying comprises retrieving unsealed bids from [[said]] the bid database which meet criteria including a match with a trader's goods category code.

27. (currently amended) The method as set forth in Claim 22 further comprising providing a restricted access administrator console communicative with [[said]] the bid database, and converting sealed bids to unsealed bids by [[said]] the administrator console.

28. (currently amended) The method as set forth in Claim 22 further comprising using a system clock or timer to determine which seals of sealed bids have expired as a criteria for retrieving unsealed bids.

29. (currently amended) A computer readable memory comprising:  
a computer readable memory suitable for encoding computer programs; and  
one or more computer programs encoded by [[said]] the computer readable memory and  
configured to:  
    provide collected bids in a bid database in a network computer arrangement, [[said]] the  
        collected bids each having an associated seal status indication field for indicating  
            whether each bid is a sealed bid or is an unsealed bid;  
    query by a database query server [[said]] the bid database for unsealed bids which match  
        parameters of a Broker Profile Matrix associated with a trader console, [[said]]  
            the trader console comprising an intermediary third party user console  
            communicably disposed between a bidder user console and broker user console;  
    operate by [[said]] the trader console to buy products or services from [[said]] the broker  
        user console;  
    operating by [[said]] the trader to resell [[said]] the bought products and services to  
        [[said]] the bidder user console;  
    responsive to finding matching unsealed bids for [[said]] the trader console, deliver by a  
        bid transferor [[said]] the matching unsealed bids to [[said]] the trader console  
        wherein delivery of delivery of sealed bids to [[said]] the trader console is  
            prevented; and  
    display on [[said]] the trader console [[said]] the delivered matching unsealed bids to a  
        trader console user.

30. (currently amended) The computer readable memory as set forth in Claim 29 wherein [[said]]  
the querying comprises retrieving unsealed bids from [[said]] the bid database which meet  
criteria including a trader's location code.

31. (currently amended) The computer readable memory as set forth in Claim 29 wherein [[said]]  
the querying comprises retrieving unsealed bids from [[said]] the bid database which meet  
criteria including a match with a trader's goods category code.